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Here Come...The Men of Steel?!

"We told you the story wasn't over just because there was a dead body on the last page of ***Superman #75***!"

Mike Carlin, editor of the Superman books, has never denied that Superman would be returning—and now, he confirms that DC will kick off the return-of-Superman storyline in ***Adventures of Superman #500***, a 64-page gala issue set for mid-April release. "Since Superman died, we've heard a million theories about his coming back. The time has come to solve the mystery and get on with the never-ending battle." And thus Superman returns... or does he? And if he is back, which apparent Superman is the real one?

As the story begins, Superman and his foster father, Pa Kent, are reunited—but the reunion takes place in another plane of existence, as the two try to save one another from the light at the end of the tunnel. Pa Kent successfully returns to life...but what about Superman?

Shortly after Jonathan Kent's return, four people enter the picture, each claiming to be the real Superman. One of them may be telling the truth...or perhaps all of them are wrong.

One possible Superman is a cyborg; one is a cold super-being who remorselessly takes the law into his own hands, showing neither mercy nor compassion; one is a super-powered teenager with no memories of a private life; and one is a high-tech-armored former steelworker who was buried alive during Superman's battle with Doomsday. No one is immediately sure which one—if any—is the true Superman... and readers will also be "in the dark."

According to DC's Patricia Jeres, "The curiosity level of comic book readers and the general public is high, and the entire Superman team is geared to deliver a story guaranteed to keep people hooked for a new chapter every week." The story begins in ***Adventures of Superman #500***, an April 15th release that is being published in two formats.

The collectors' edition of ***Adventures of Superman #500*** features a removable translucent cover panel over a Jerry Ordway painted image; this $2.95 edition will feature eight extra splash pages and no ads. The standard-format newsstand edition of the book, without the enhancements, will be priced at $2.50; it will feature a different cover illustration by Tom Grummett and Doug Hazlewood. The book is written by Jerry Ordway (who is giving up the writing honors on the title after this story) with special pages by Dan Jurgens, Louise Simonson, Roger Stern, and incoming writer Karl Kesel; the artwork is supplied by Tom Grummett and Doug Hazlewood, with pages from Dan Jurges, Jon Bodganove & Dennis Janke, and Jackson Guice & Denis Rodier.

The storyline will continue into ***Action Comics #687, Adventures of Superman #501, Superman #78,*** and ***Superman: The Man of Steel #22,*** all of which ship on the same day, April 29th. The collectors' editions of each of these books will feature die-cut outer covers, each hinting at the dynamic covers beneath. The inner covers each feature a different new-look Superman; as a bonus, each will feature a bound-in miniposter. The collectors' editions are priced at $1.95; the standard-format editions, without the die-cut covers or the miniposters, are priced at $1.50.

Will Superman's return be as big an event as his death? That's hard to predict—but judging from response to the initial rumors of Superman's return, it's likely that there'll be a lot of people in line on April 15th hoping to find out just what's going on!

by Cliff Biggers

Heroic Gets Fired Up Over Sparkplug

Sometimes it seems that comic books have never ceased fighting World War II; even today, almost fifty years after the end of the war, the typical comic book depiction of a German is one of a Nazi-esque, aloof villain. That image is, of course, not at all indicative of contemporary Germany, which is exactly what Lou Mougin, writer of Heroic Publishing's ***Sparkplug*** miniseries, is trying to make fans recognize.

Sparkplus, Flare's sister, has been a part of Heroic's supporting cast for years; this miniseries marks her first starring role, however. ***Sparkplug*** takes the heroine back to Germany, where she hopes to live a normal life; once she arrives, she must deal with the problems facing Germans today... as well as a unified government that would very much like to have Sparkplug on their side, fighting as a representative of modern Germany.

Sparkplug #1, a February release, is illustrated by Scott Clark, who will be working on an Image project, ***Stormwatch,*** later this year.

by Wayne Lee

Two Very Different Types of Super Soldiers

Throughout the centuries, culture after culture has relied on its soldier to protect its interests, guard its borders, expand its territory, and defend its existence. As human technology has improved, so has the technology of warfare. In two new Marvel U.K. series, readers are presented with two very different types of soldiers: one who has never died, and another whose new military careers begin with their deaths.

Black Axe, a new series by Simon Jowett and Edmund Perryman, stars a warrior who has been perfecting his battle skills for ten thousand years. While his name might conjure up the image of a heroic fantasy warrior, his appearance confirms that Black Axe has managed to adapt to changing technology quite effectively. In the past, he has held positions ranging from lowly brigand to emperor; in our time, he is the ultimate weapon for hire—and his skills seem to be just what Mys-TECH desires...

The Mys-TECH board is trying to gain control of information that would allow them to halt aging, becoming all but immortal. A rival corporation has the information, and all Mys-TECH's attempts to wrest it from them have failed—resulting in the loss of an entire Warheads troop. Now Black Axe must succeed where the Warheads failed. But any earthly nemesis would be desirable compared to the enemy Black Axe must face in his first mission for Mys-TECH: Mephisto, who doesn't want Black Axe to free Mys-TECH from his evil control.

Black Axe #1 features the first of three covers by John Romita Jr.; the $1.75 premiere issue is scheduled for February 25th release.

While Black Axe is immortal, the Super Soldiers are all too mortal... in fact, they're already dead. This fighting force has been assembled (no pun intended) from the dead and dismembered bodies of Falklands War casualties. These soldiers have been rebuilt, enhanced, and revived, creating a fighting force to whom death is no stranger.

The Super Soldiers project in Britain has been on hold for years, though, because of a tragic accident in which a super soldier named Childs went berserk, killing most of his unit. He and one other survivor were put into cryogenic deep-freeze, all but forgotten... until a malfunction thaws out the other survivor, Hauer, who wants revenge on Childs—and the truth of his creation revealed.

Super Soldiers is an ongoing series written by Michael Bennent and Lee Stevens and illustrated by Andrew Currie and Rodney Ramos. According to Marvel UK, "This new ongoing series will not fail to enthrall readers of revenge-ridden and artillery-oriented titles such as ***The Punisher*** and its genre." ***Super Soldiers #1***, a $2.50 comic, is scheduled for February 18th release.

by Cliff Biggers

Marvel Unleashes Mad Dog

He just may be the most popular comic book superhero in American comics history who has never appeared in a superhero comic book. His name is Mad Dog, and he's the occasionally-glimpsed comic book hero whose exploits provide the basis for Bob Newhart's new television series ***Bob.*** So far, his only comic books have been props seen in the background of the series—but that'll all change in mid-March when Marvel brings Mad Dog into real comic shops everywhere.

"Ever since the ***Hollywood Reporter*** announced the advent of ***Bob,*** Marvel has been negotiating to bring our readers the adventures of Mad Dog in a real-life comic," Marvel's Terry Hernon said. "And we're doing it!"

Marvel's ***Mad Dog*** is *not* based on the ***Bob*** television story, which tells the story of 60's-comeback comic book artist Bob McKay's misadventures in the high-violence, grim-n-gritty-hero world of contemporary comics. Instead, it is a comic book based on Bob McKay's Mad Dog hero—or rather, on *both* Mad Dogs!

In the series, Bob McKay's original Mad Dog was a mild-mannered veterinarian who gained canine-inspired superpowers as the result of an experiment gone awry. This 1960's campy hero is the subject of a "revitalization" that transforms him into an animal research lab worker who is the victim of a plot that kills his family and gives him the abilities of a...well, a mad dog! Both versions will be seen in Marvel's ***Mad Dog*** series, as each will be featured on a flip-covered comic book.

the 1960's-ish campy Mad Dog will be written and illustrated by Ty Templeton and inked by Jeff Albrecht; these stories will capture the nostalgic style of the 60's. The darker modern Mad Dog's exploits will be written by Evan Dorkin (the author of ***Bill & Ted's Comic Book***), pencilled by Gordon Purcell, and inked by Ray McCarthy.

Mad Dog will initially appear as a six-issue miniseries; if the book does well, Marvel may bring it back either in another miniseries or in an ongoing series. ***Mad Dog #1,*** a $1.25 comic, is scheduled for March 18th release.

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Michael's Life Gets More Enigmatic

In *Peter Milligan* and *Duncan Fegredo*'s ***Enigma,*** a fan finds that life gets decidedly odder when comic book heroes like Enigma appear in the real world. The situation gets even more bizarre in ***Enigma #3***, when the lovely Envelope Girl springs to life. While the rest of the world is trying to adjust to the sudden appearance of these heroes, Michael is trying to track down the writer and artist of the Enigma series to find out just what they might know about these occurrences. ***Enigma #3***, a $2.50 comic published under DC's Vertigo imprint, is scheduled for April 1st release.

A Very Rare Venom

Venom #1 was quite possibly Marvel's biggest hit of the winter; the book posted sales in the one million range, and many stores reported quick sellouts of the first issue. Hardcore fans will be intrigued to hear that the standard-edition red-foil-embossed ***Venom #1*** will soon be joined by a limited edition ***Gold Venom #1.*** According to Marvel's *Lou Bank*, "Marvel will produce 11,000 of the ***Gold Venom #1,*** and they will be made available... in quantities of approximately 1% of ***Venom #1*** orders." The book will not have any interior advertising; pin-ups will appear where advertising appeared in the original edition (as was done with the ***Platinum Spider-Man #1***). Marvel's ***Gold Venom #1*** should be available in very limited quantities in comic shops in March or April; check with the friendly folks at your local shop to find out more about price and availability. (Additionally, Marvel confirmed that there were a few variant editions of ***Venom #1*** with black covers and a different red foil pattern that were mixed in with the standard edition of ***Venom #1***; these books have proven very rare, with very high prices being reported for these copies—if you can find 'em at all!)

Rookies Ready For Spring Training

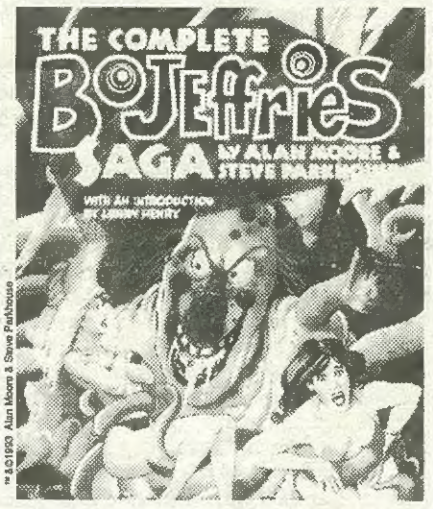
As ***CSN*** told you last fall, Marvel is abandoning the continued-story "family" format that has been a common part of its annuals; instead, they're opting for a single-issue-storyline annual format in which each annual introduces a new Marvel hero or villain. Fans will get to meet some of the rookies beginning in March, when the first of the annuals are scheduled for release.

Annual season begins with ***Amazing Spider-Man Annual #27***, written by *Jack C. Harris* and illustrated by *Tom Lyle;* this March 4th release introduces a new villain, Makeshift. ***Captain America Annual #12,*** a March 11th release written by *Mark Gruenwald* and illustrated by *Andy Smith*, introduces Battling Bantam, a new Hispanic superhero. ***New Warriors Annual #3,*** a March 18th release written by *Fabian Nicieza* and illustrated by *Darick Robertson* and *Larry Mahlstedt*, introduces Void. ***Avengers Annual #22,*** an April 1st release written by *Glenn Herdling* and illustrated by *Kevin Kobask*, introduces a new villain, Bloodwraith. ***X-Factor Annual #8***, the final annual release for March, introduces Charon, a new villain, in a story written by *Peter David* and *Skip Dietz* and illustrated by *Terry Shoemaker* and *Chris Batista*.

Each annual is polybagged with a special "rookie" trading card prepared by Marvel and Skybox; these cards will be available nowhere else except in each $2.95 annual. Since Marvel's last polybagged-with-cards storyline, **X-Ecutioner's Song**, caused rapid sellouts everywhere, fans are encouraged to act quickly if they intend to build a rookie set without paying premium prices.

All In the Family... BoJeffries Style

The comics field has superheroes, monsters, anthropomorphic protagonists, and more—but it has all too few wholesome family sagas. And that's where ***The BoJeffries Saga*** comes in; it's the story of a family just trying to find their place in contemporary Britain. Of course, the BoJeffries family has a bit more trouble than most—because they're a family of monsters and freaks who'd find it difficult to fit in anywhere!



Tundra Press, the publishers of ***The BoJeffries Saga,*** describes the eighty-page graphic novel as "absolute proof that whether it's superheroes, serial killers, erotica, or a ghoulish family of monsters, anything *Alan Moore* writes is a work of complete genius." The graphic novel, which is illustrated by *Steve Parkhouse*, introduces the entire family, including the beleaguered father, Jobremus BoJeffries; the mutant menace, Glinda BoJeffries; the eternal schoolboy, Reth BoJeffries; the most dangerous being in the universe, Grandpa Podlasp; and a pair of monstrous uncles, Festus (the vegetarian vampire) and Raoul (the werewolf with a taste for canines). ***The BoJeffries Saga***, a full-color graphic album priced at $9.95, is scheduled for March release.

Comic Collectors Two-In-One

Since its launch a couple of years ago, ***Comic Book Marketplace*** has quickly established itself as *the* magazine for Silver Age Comics collectors in particular; its articles about key Golden and Silver Age books, series, and creators have provided hours of fascinating reading to fans of this era. Beginning in February, though, fans will no longer find ***Comic Book Marketplace*** on the stands; instead, they'll find a new magazine, ***Overstreet's Comic Book Marketplace***, that combines the best features of ***Comic Book Marketplace*** with the price guide updates previously published separately by Overstreet. According to Overstreet Publications, the magazine will include "the most accurate and up-to-date price guide available (comic cards and comic books), valuable market tips, and most of all, articles and features by nationally known experts that are available in no other comic book publication! And of course, we haven't forgotten the young collectors; there will be special features and articles for them, too." Some issues will also include fee bonus premiums, such a trading cards. ***Overstreet Comic Book Marketplace #1***, a $2.95 magazine, is slated to debut in February.

Continuum Spotlights Plans For The Dark

The Dark, the superhero title published by Continuum Comics, has received very positive reviews in its first three issues of release; *Alan Grant* described it as "a winning concept," while *Jim Starlin* said, "One thing I enjoy in a story is a rich, complicated, interwoven plot—***The Dark*** delivers!" Alas, two of the biggest problems that Continuum has struggled to overcome were a lack of fan familiarity with the book's hero and its concept and an irregular publishing schedule.. Those are problems that Continuum has overcome for '93, though.

Beginning in April, Continuum will reissue ***The Dark,*** beginning with the first issue. Each reissue will be published in full color (all new coloring is being done for the reprints) with a cardstock cover. Once ***The Dark*** #s 1-4 have been reissued in new editions, Continuum plans to promote ***The Dark*** to monthly status beginning in July with the fifth issue. *George Perez*, who will also supply the cover for the February-release ***Dark #4,*** is illustrating a new cover for the second edition.. All issues are written by *Joseph Naftali*; pencillers for early issues of the series include *Larry Stroman* and *Mark Bright*. ***The Dark #4*** features interior art by *Mark Bright*, *George Perez*, and *Jerry Acerno;* ***The Dark #5,*** the first monthly issue, will feature artwork by *Chris Gossett*, *Todd Lidstone*, and *Jerry Acerno*. The first printing of ***The Dark #4*** will be priced at $2.50; beginning with the reprintings in April, however, the price will be lowered to $1.95. Continuum is optimistic that the combination of lower prices, higher profile, and regular publishing schedule will make ***The Dark***'s future much brighter.

Goons on Parade

Charles Burns' cutting-edge comics have received critical acclaim from both inside and outside the comic book industry. His most recent color comic from Kitchen Sink, ***Blood Club***, should be hitting comic shop shelves at about the same time you read this ***CSN,*** and it should lead even more fans to discover Burns' unusual world filled with big-haired women, baby-faced heroes, and noir-lighted villains. Just in case you find yourself a little confused as to just who all these people are, though, Kitchen Sink has the perfect Charles Burns "Who's Who" assortment: the ***Goon Squad Trading Cards,*** a 36-card series featuring Big Baby, Dog Boy, El borbah, Bliss Blister, Kaballa Balla Bonga, and all the other unique inhabitants of Burns' world. The back of the cards form a puzzle featuring the creature found on the cover of Burns' recent Penguin Books release ***Skin Deep,*** and all thirty-six cards are packaged in an attractive box designed by Burns himself. ***The Goon Squad Trading Cards***, a March release, are priced at $10.95.

Eclipso, My Dear Watson

Eclipso is a major villain in the contemporary DC Universe—but he's been around for a long, long time, so it's inevitable that he would be a malevolent force in earlier times as well. ***Eclipso #s*** 7 & 8 feature a two-part story written by *Keith Giffen* and *Robert Loren Fleming* that spotlights Eclipso in London of the 1890's. An unsuspecting jeweler has managed to cleave the Heart of Darkness gem into thousands of pieces, unleashing Eclipso's darkness. Loosed upon the people of Victorian London, Eclipso's evil soon leads to a confrontation with Sherlock Holmes. This special Holmesian storyline is illustrated by acclaimed ***Metropol*** and ***Eddy Current*** artist *Ted McKeever*. ***Eclipso #7***, the first part of the two-part storyline, is scheduled for March 25th release.

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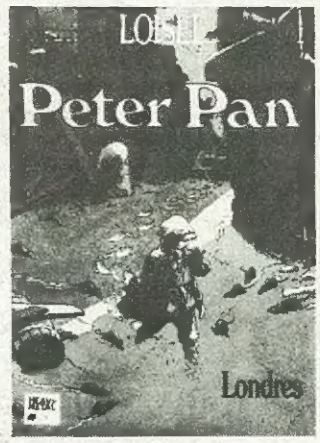
A Farewell To Armitage?...

Not every Judge is like Dredd; in fact, some of them seem to have a great deal in common with today's police detectives. Take Brit-Cit Detective Judge Armitage, for instance; he may be a bit arrogant and more than a little sarcastic, but he's dedicated to doing his job and he's such a good investigator that the force can't afford to can him. He is getting older, though, and retirement is nearing...so the department decides to let him pass along his accumulated wisdom to a rookie Judge, a woman named Steel. What should be a routine partnership becomes much more than that when Armitage and Steel are assigned the job of tracking down a serial killer— a killer whose targets are Judges. If Armitage and Steel don't find him quickly, they may lose the opportunity...because they're on his target list!

Armitage, a two-issue limited series by *Dave Stone* and *Sean Phillips*, spotlights a Judge who uses brains instead of brutality to solve his cases; the first issue, a $2.95 comic, is scheduled for March release.

J.M. Barrie Never Envisioned This!...



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Peter Pan has inspired a number of adaptations, sequels, and pastiches since it was initially written almost a century ago— but you can rest assured that creator *J.M. Barrie* certainly never anticipated a ***Peter Pan*** quite like Tundra Publishing's two-volume graphic novel limited series by Regis Loisel. This adults-only version of the story depicts Peter as one of a group of cold, hungry homeless children; Tinkerbell arrives on the scene and transports him to a strange world where Captain Hook feeds men to crocodiles and buxom nymphs have other plans for Peter Pan... ***Peter Pan Volume One,*** a 48-page $14.95 laminated hardcover graphic novel, is scheduled for March release; the sequel will follow a month later.

Think of 'Em as Teeny Tiny Pin-Ups

Long before the men's magazine foldout became the norm in the pin-up biz, there were a series of small, almost-paperback-sized magazines that featured an assortment of articles— and some pretty hot-blooded pin-ups of gorgeous women like *Betty Page, Irish McCalla, Jayne Mansfield, Tina Louise,* and *Marilyn Monroe.* The magazines are long since gone...but you can still enjoy those classic pin-ups, thanks to the upcoming ***Pocket Pin-Ups*** trading card series, edited by *Max Allan Collins* and *George Hagenauer.* The 36-card series features 1950's entertainment-magazine photos of all these women and many more, reproduced in full color, the backs of the cards feature information about the stars and the magazines in which they appeared. The !0.95 ***Pocket Pin-Ups*** set is scheduled for March release.

Hardware Gets With the S.Y.S.T.E.M.

A genius like Edwin Alva may be able to accomplish a great deal with his own resources, but that doesn't mean that he won't need help every now and then. As Hardware puts more pressure on Alva and his organization in ***Hardware #3***, Alva pulls out the big guns: he calls on S.Y.S.T.E.M., a secret government organization of which he is a ranking officer. Hardware may find that he's made far more powerful enemies than he originally realized... ***Hardware #3***, a Milestone comic written by *Dwayne McDuffie* and illustrated by *Denys Cowan* and *Jimmy Palmiotti,* is scheduled for March 25th release.

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Marvel Masterpieces Belong In a Gallery

There are a lot of you out there who have been ooh-ing and aah-ing at *Joe Jusko*'s stunning paintings for the November-release ***Marvel Masterpiece Trading Card Series*** from Skybox—and many of you have wished that there was some way you could enjoy these paintings in a larger size so that you could see more of the lavish detail that Jusko has put into each of these works. Well, Marvel is making it possible for you to see these paintings in almost the same size as Jusko's originals! ***The Marvel Trading Card Gallery*** four-issue miniseries will feature all the artwork originally done for the trading card set—along with special paintings never seen until now. The first issue, scheduled for March 18th release, features paintings of Spider-Man, Havok, Bishop, and Silver Surfer Vs. Thanos, among others; it also features the previously-unseen paintings of Stryfe and the Iron Man War Machine. Each $2.95 issue is published in the same format as Marvel's hit Venom, with glossy interiors and cardstock covers.

Spock and Saavik, Desert-ers

Their diplomatic mission seemed like a long shot to begin with; when Spock and Saavik are forced to crash-land their shuttlecraft on a desert world, though, the mission becomes potentially fatal. Unaware of their predicament, Kirk is in a situation of his own; he's playing a game of brinkmanship with his Klingon enemy Captain Klaa at the very edge of the Neutral Zone. Find out just what happens in ***Star Trek #46***, a March 18th release, written by *Howard Weinstein* and illustrated by *Rod Whigham* and *Arne Starr.*

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The following comic are tentatively slated for release on the dates given; alas, it's not uncommon for comics to be rescheduled or delayed due to various circumstances that, while they may be interesting sources of gossip, are irrelevant here. The end result is that these dates are subject to change at the last moment—far too late for us to include all those changes in this checklist. Also, different parts of the country will receive different books at different times; depending on where your local comics sho is located in relation to the publisher's printing site, your shop may receive these books later—or earlier—than the given date. If you have questons about delayed books, talk to the friendly people at your local comics shop. When CSN is notified in time, we will make changes in our checklist.

❒***2000 A.D. Showcase 11*** Fleetway/Quality $2.95
❒***666: The Mark of the Beast 12*** Fleetway/Quality $1.95
❒***Adios Palomita*** Tundra $14.95
❒***Adolescent Radioactive Black Belt Hamsters: Lost Treasures 1*** Parody $2.95
❒***Advance Comics 52*** CDC $1.95
What's coming up in April? Here's where you can find out!
❒***Aladdin: More Arabian Nights 1*** Disney $1.50
❒***Aliens 3 Movie Special (UK) 3*** 2/4 Dark Horse $2.95
❒***Aliens Volume 2 (UK) 3*** 2/4 Dark Horse $2.95
❒***Aliens: Colonial Marines 2*** 2/4 Dark HOrse $2.95
❒***Aliens: Hive TPB*** 2/11 Dark Horse $11.95
❒***Alpha Flight 119*** 2/11 Marvel $1.75
Weapon X gets a new name and costume
❒***Amazing Spider-Man 376*** 2/11 Marvel $1.25
❒***Angryman 3*** Caliber $2.50
❒***Animal Man 58*** 2/25 DC $1.75
❒***Anime UK 6*** AUK $5.75
❒***Anti-Hitler Comics 2*** NEC $2.75
❒***Arcana: An Anthropomorphic Tale 2*** Fallen Angel $2.50
❒***Archer & Armstrong 10*** Valiant $2.50
❒***Archie 411*** Archie $1.25
❒***Archie & Friends 4*** Archive $1.25
❒***Archie Story & Game Digest 27*** Archie $1.50
❒***Archie's Story & Game Digest 27*** Archie $1.50
❒***Archie's Double Digest 65*** Archie $2.50
❒***Arena Magazine 8*** Sky $3.75
❒***Arthur: King of Britain 2*** Caliber $2.95
❒***Austin Briggs' Flash Gordon Dailies Volume 2*** Kitchen Sink $10.95
Completing the run of Austin Briggs dailies from the war years
❒***Avengers 361*** 2/18 Marvel $1.25
❒***Avengers West Coast 93*** 2/4 Marvel $1.25
❒***Baby Huey 7*** Harvey $1.25
❒***Bad Blood 1: Sweetmeats*** Atomeka $3.95
A sophisticated adult horror tale aimed at the Vertigo audience
❒***Bad Girls Go To Hell 3*** Aircel $2.50
❒***Baghdad Boys: Adventures In Time 1*** Raging Rhino $2.95
❒***Barbie 28*** 2/11 Marvel $1.25
❒***Barbie Fashion 28*** 2/25 Marvel $1.25
❒***Batman 491*** 2/18 Marvel $1.25
Bane frees every inmate in Arkham Asylum!
❒***Batman Adventures 6*** 2/4 DC $1.25
❒***Batman: Legends of the Dark Knight 44*** 2/25 DC $1.75
Batman battles white supremacists in the first of a two-parter story by Steven Grant and Shawn McManus
❒***Batman: Shadow of the Bat 11*** 2/11 DC $1.75
❒***Battle Angel Alita 8*** 2/11 Viz $2.75
❒***Beauty & the Beast 2*** Innovation $2.50
❒***Beauty & the Beast Poster 1*** Innovation $5.95
❒***Beer Nutz 3*** Tundra $2.25
❒***Berzerker 1*** Caliber $2.95/$3.95
❒***Betty & Veronica 63*** Archie $1.25
❒***Betty & Veronica Digest 61*** Archie $1.50
❒***Betty Pages 9*** Pure Imagination $5
❒***Black Axe 1*** 2/25 Marvel $1.75
He's been a warrior for hundreds of years—but he's kept up with the technology of death quite well!
❒***Black Canary 4*** 2/18 DC $1.75
❒***Black Condor 11*** 2/25 DC $1.25
❒***Bleeding Heart 4*** Fantagraphics $2.50

❒***Blood & Thunder 2*** Conquest $2.95
❒***Bloodshot 4*** Valiant $2.25
❒***Blue Moon 3*** MU $2.50
❒***Bogie Man: Chinatoon 1*** Atomeka $2.95
Bogie Man is back in a new limited series
❒***Bragade 1*** Parody $2.50
Yep, it's another Image spoof
❒***Buzzard 7*** Cats Head $2.95
❒***Cage 13*** 2/4 Marvel $1.25
❒***Captain America 414*** 2/4 Marvel $1.25
❒***Caravan Kidd 8*** 2/11 Dark Horse $2.50
❒***Carl Barks Library Album 14*** Gladstone $8.95
❒***Casper Enchanted Tales Digest 4*** Harvey $1.75
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❒***Claws 1*** Conquest $2.95
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The premiere issue of a new vampire series written by Rafael Nieves and illustrated by Kyle Hotz—a CSN Hot Pick (available in standard and deluxe editions)
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❒***Comic Book Colector 2*** Century $2.95
❒***Comic Relief 48*** Page One, Inc. $3.50
❒***Comics Journal 157*** Fantagraphics $4.95
❒***Comics Scene 32*** Starlog $4.95
❒***Comics Values Monthly 80*** Attic $3.50
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❒***Conan Saga 73*** 2/25 arvel $2.25
❒***Confidential Covers Trading Cards*** Kitchen Sink $10.95
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❒***Congressional Medal of Honor Card Set*** Eclipse $9.95
❒***Crucible 2*** 2/4 DC $1.25
❒***Crying Freeman Part Five 4*** 2/11 Viz $2.75
❒***Danger Trail 1*** 2/18 DC $1.50
King Faraday returns, updated for the '90s, in this new series with art by Carmine Infantino
❒***Dare the Impossible 15*** Fleetway/Quality $1.95
❒***Daredevil 315*** 2/4 Marvel $1.25
❒***Daredevil: Fall of the Kingpin TPB*** 2/4 Marvel $12.95
Reprinting the storyline that climaxed in Daredevil 300
❒***Dark Angel 10*** 2/18 Marvel $1.75
❒***Dark Horse Comics 7*** 2/18 Dark Horse $2.50
Featuring the debut of "Star Wars: Tales of the Jedi," a three-part serial by Tom Veitch and Janine Johnston—a CSN Hot Pick
❒***Dark Horse Presents 71*** 2/4 Dark Horse $2.25
Featuring an Eddie Campbell Bacchus story
❒***Dark Shadows Book Two 1*** Innovation $2.50
This new miniseries written by Maggie Thompson introduces Nathan, a man who has the ability to read the minds of anyone he touches; he soon learns many of Victoria Winters' deepest secrets regarding Barnabas Collins
❒***Darker Image 2*** Image $2.50
Anthology book featuring Rob Liefeld's Bloodwulf, Sam Kieth's The Maxx, and Jim Lee's Deathblow—a CSN Hot Pick
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❒***Darkhold 7*** 2/11 Marvel $1.75
❒***Darkman 1*** 2/4 Marvel $3.95
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❒***Darkstars 6*** 2/4 DC $1.75
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❒***Death of Superbabe 1*** Personality $3.95
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❒***Death's Head II 5*** 2/11 Marvel $1.75
❒***Death: The High Cost of Living 2*** 2/11 DC $1.95
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❒***Deathstroke the Terminator 21*** 2/11 dC $1.75
❒***Demon 34*** 2/18 DC $1.75
❒***Demon's Tails 2*** Adventure $2.50
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❒***Den Print*** Tundra $20
❒***Detective Comics 657*** 2/4 DC $1.25
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Wait until you get a glimpse of ***FANTASTIC FOUR #375***! This 48-page extravaganza arrives at your favorite comic shop this month with a holografx foil cover with a UV coating (imagine crisp art on high-gloss stock)!

The Fantastic Four are up to their ears in danger when the nefarious Dr. Doom is led to the Rogue Watcher by his agent, Ms. Marvel, and acquires new powers! Lyja and sharon Ventura guest star to make this issue extra special! Remember how difficult it was to get a copy of FF #371, after it arrived in shops with its special white cardstock cover? Well, we expect the demand for FANTASTIC FOUR #375 to be every bit as heavy. Get your copy while you can!

Fantastic Four

NAMOR THE SUB-MARINER #37

TROUBLE DOWN UNDER!

The pools of blood are spreading as the devastating Atlantean civil war continues. But even amidst the chaos and destruction there's renewed hope for victory — Prince Namor unveils his all-new battle armor and sets off to kick some fin. As the excitement climbs, so does the quality of Jae Lee's intense artwork!

IN THE GROO 'VE...

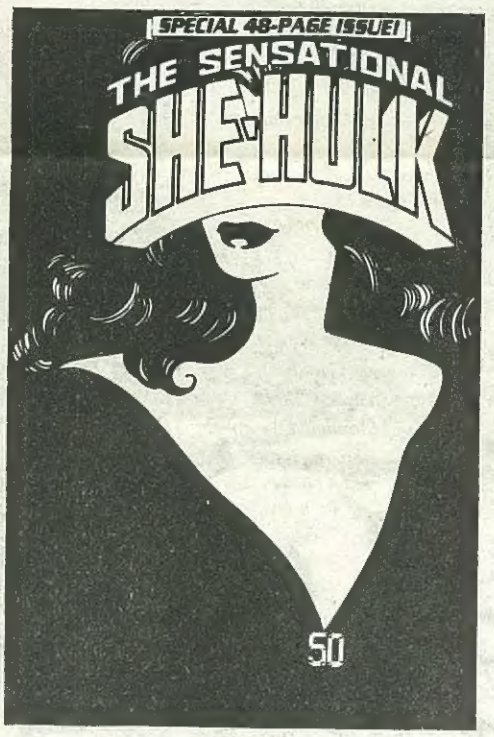
Marvel celebrates the 100th issue of GROO THE WANDERER with a 48-page issue, beginning a new chapter in Groo's life (he'll acquire a few extra IQ points, getting him into more trouble than ever)! To keep the laughs coming, we also present GROO: EXPOSE this month, which reprints some of the silly man's most ridiculous exploits, originally presented in GROO THE WANDERER #17-20. Newer readers will appreciate the chance to laugh over these hilarious episodes, and longtime GROO fans will savor the collection like a fine wine!

MINI MENTIONS

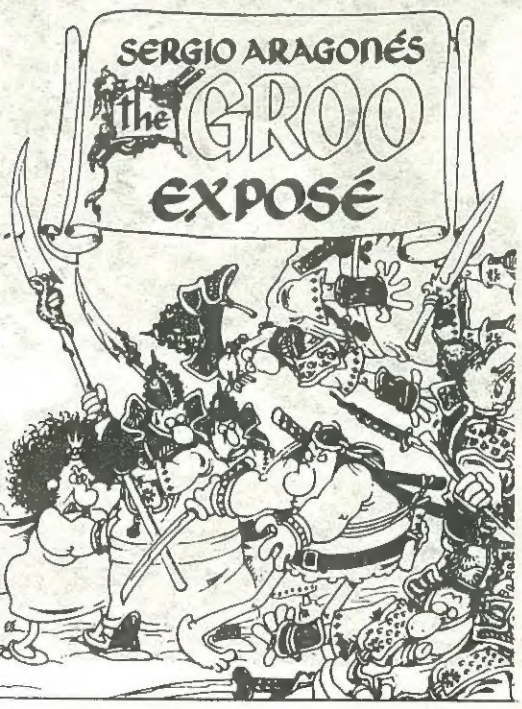
MARVEL COMICS

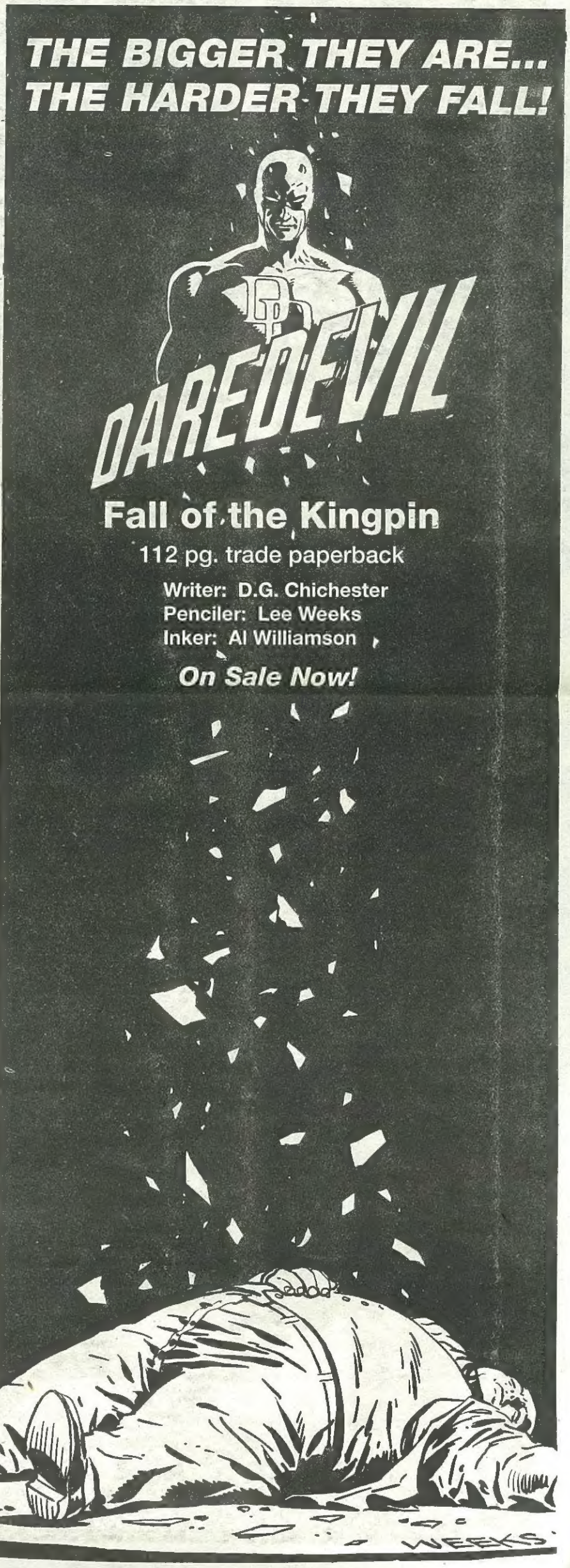
LANCE BARNES, POST NUKE DICK
#1 of 4
Writer: Steven Petrucha
Artist: Barry Crain
Sherlock Holmes never had a case like this: a man with no legs beaten to death by somebody using a man with no arms and no legs as the murder weapon. But it's just business as usual for Lance Barnes, the hard-boiled private detective who inadvertently set off World War III. Now Barnes and his wheelbarrow-bound secretary wander through the a strange post-apocalyptic world working for cans of peaches and cigarettes. They'll face marauding mutant former bankers, shopping mali tribes, and intelligent man-eating dogs. Oh, did we forget to mention the amusement park cannibals and the town full of people with no limbs? For sick, hard-hitting, angst-ridden humor set amidst the ashes of civilization, look no further than Lance Barnes.

BYRNE WAVES BYE BYE TO SHE-HULK!
(SUPER-STAR GUEST CREATIVES LEND A HAND!)
Breaking up is hard to do! And ***She-Hulk*** doesn't wait too long before playing the field, either! She gets done up right by a bevy of mega-babe fans, each in their own inimitable style. The foil covered, 48 paged spectacularized Issue #50 features art and stories by Walt Simonson, Terry Austin, Dave Gibbons, Adam Hughes, Howard Chaykin, and of course, long-time beau John Byrne. And #50 will also give you a taste of the next generation: writer Michael Eury and penciler Todd Britton, who'll start putting on the green as of issue #51. Most importantly, though, Issue #50 sets up key developments that will lead to the Death of She-Hulk (*NOTE: This is not a spoof! We're serious here! She's really going to die. No fooling.*)



Hey, Spidey fans! ***SPIDER-MAN CLASSICS #1*** (available this month) lets you in on not only the Web-Slinger's origin, but Dr. Strange's, too!





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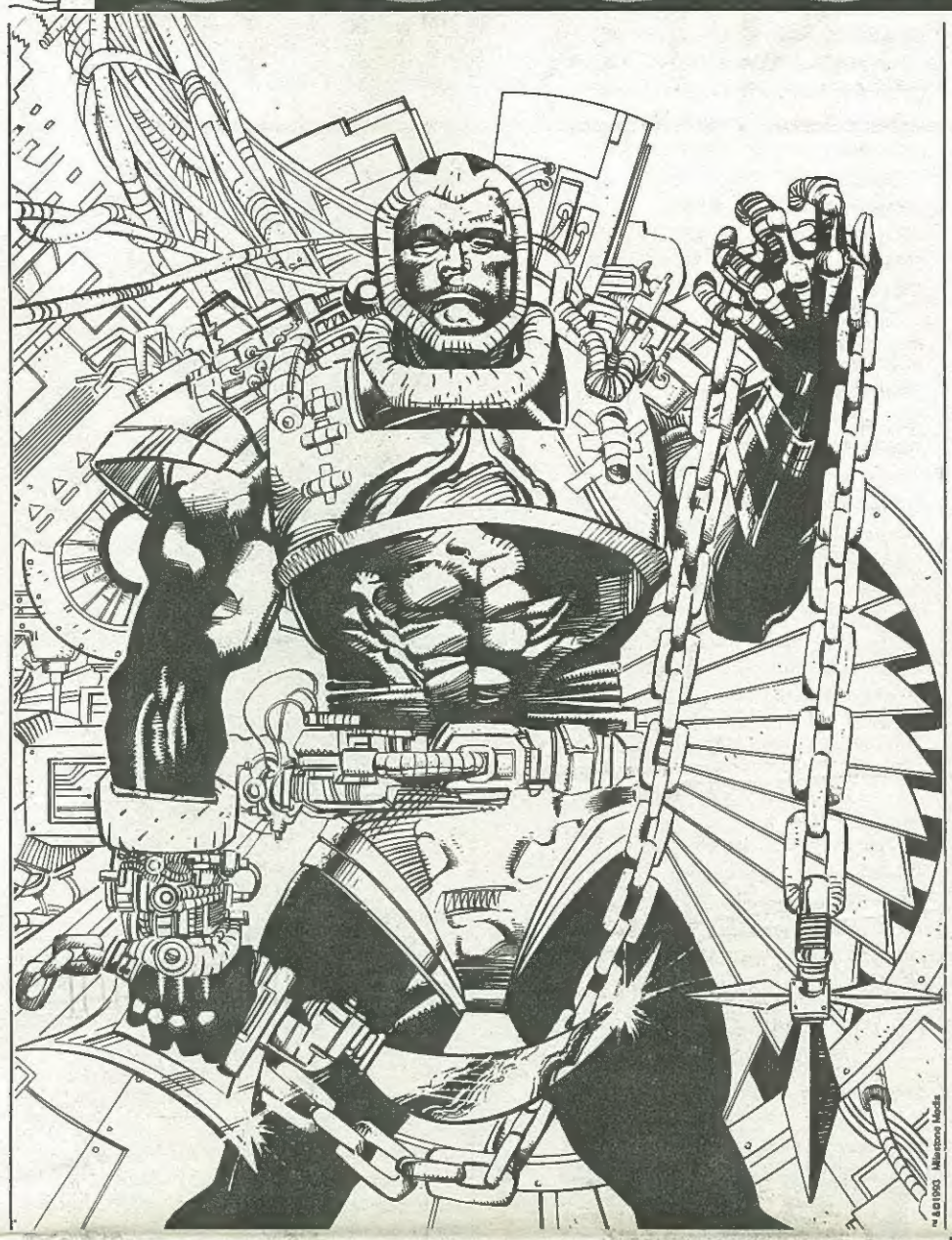

hilarious new series written by Tom Mason and illustrated by Mitch Byrd and Bruce McCorkindale—a CSN Hot Pick

❒***Disney ADventures 30*** disney $1.95

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❒***Doc Savage: Flight Into Fear*** Bantam $4.99

Newest Doc Savage Novel by Will Murray

❒***Doctor Strange 52*** 2/25 Marvel $1.75

❒***Doctor Who: Classic Comics 4*** 2/25 Marvel $4.95

❒***Dojinshi 3*** Antarctic $2.95

❒***Donald Duck 36*** Disney $1.50

❒***Doom 2099 4*** 2/18 Marvel $1.25

❒***Doom Patrol 64*** 2/4 DC $1.75

❒***Dracula: Vlad the Impaler 1*** Topps $2.95

Hot on the heels of the Dracula movie adaptation, Roy Thomas and Estaban Maroto present this comic book tale of the life of the real Dracula, Vlad Dracul; each issue comes polybagged with trading cards

❒***Dredd Rules! 17*** Fleetway/Quality $2.95

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❒***Elfquest: New Blood 4*** WaRP $2

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❒***Enigma 2*** 2/25 Vertigo/DC $2.50

❒***Eternal WArrior 10*** Valiant $2.25

❒***Ex-Mutants 4*** Malibu $1.95

❒***Excalibur 64*** 2/18 Marvel $1.75

❒***Fall 1*** Caliber $2.95

❒***Fang 1*** Conquest $2.95

❒***Fantastic Four 375*** 2/25 Marvel $2.95

Dr. Doom is back in this issue, which also features a holografix foil cover—a CSN Hot Pick

❒***Fat Freddy's Cat 7*** Rip Off $2.95

❒***Faust Act Six: Rebel Edition*** Rebel $2.25

❒***Femforce 58*** AC $2.75

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❒***Flare First Edition 7*** Heroic $3.95

❒***Flash 75*** 2/11 DC $1.25

❒***Flesh, Love, & Rockets SC/HC*** Fantagraphics $11.95/$35/$39.95

Collecting in a single volume Gilbert Hernandez' serial from L&R #s 31-39

❒***Flintstones 3*** Harvey $1.25

❒***Frank Frazetta Print*** Tundra $20

❒***Fu Manchu 1*** Conquest $2.95

❒***Game Shop News 14*** CSN

If you're into games, you gotta get this thing! It does for the gaming world what CSN does for comics; every month you can find out what's new, what's hot, and who's doing what.

❒***Gestalt 1*** NEC $1.95

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❒***Ghost Rider 36*** 2/11 Marvel $1.75

❒***Ghost Rider/Blaze: Spirits of Vengeance 9*** 2/25 Marvel $1.75

❒***Ghouls Review 0*** Studio Insidio $1.25

❒***GI Joe 135*** 2/18 Marvel $1.75

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❒***GI Joe/Transformers Bookshelf Edition*** 2/18 Marvel $4.95

Reprinting the miniseries in preparation for the return of the Transformers later this year

❒***Godhead 2*** Anubis $2.75

❒***Grass Roots*** Cottonwood $13

❒***Green Arrow 72*** 2/4 DC $1.75

❒***Green Arrow: The Wonder Year 3*** 2/18 DC $1.75

❒***Green lantern 38*** 2/25 DC $1.25

❒***Green Lantern: Mosaic 11*** 2/11 DC $1.25

❒***Grendel: War Child 7*** 2/4 Dark Horse $2.50

❒***Groo the Wanderer 100*** 2/11 Marvel $2.95

Groo gets smart—or at least smarter... unfortunately, that's enough to make him realize that most everyone else in the world really doesn't like him...

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❒***Guardians of the Galaxy 35*** 2/11 Marvel $1.25

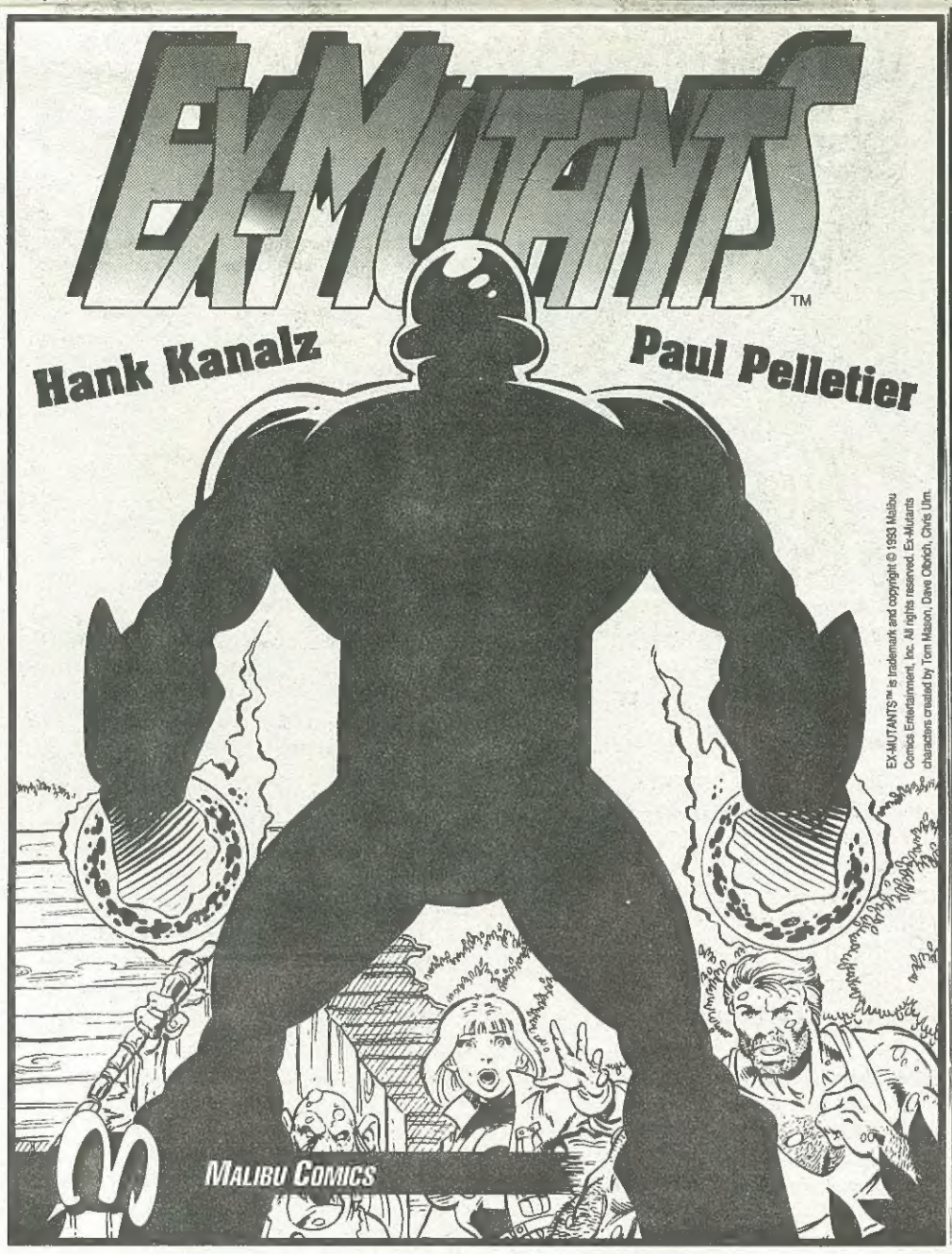
❒***Guy Gardner 6*** 2/4 DC $1.25

❒***Hacker Files 9*** 2/18 DC $1.95

❒***Hammerlocke 8*** 2/18 DC $1.75

❒***Hanna-Barbera Big Book 1*** Harvey $1.95

❒***Harbinger 17*** Valiant $2.50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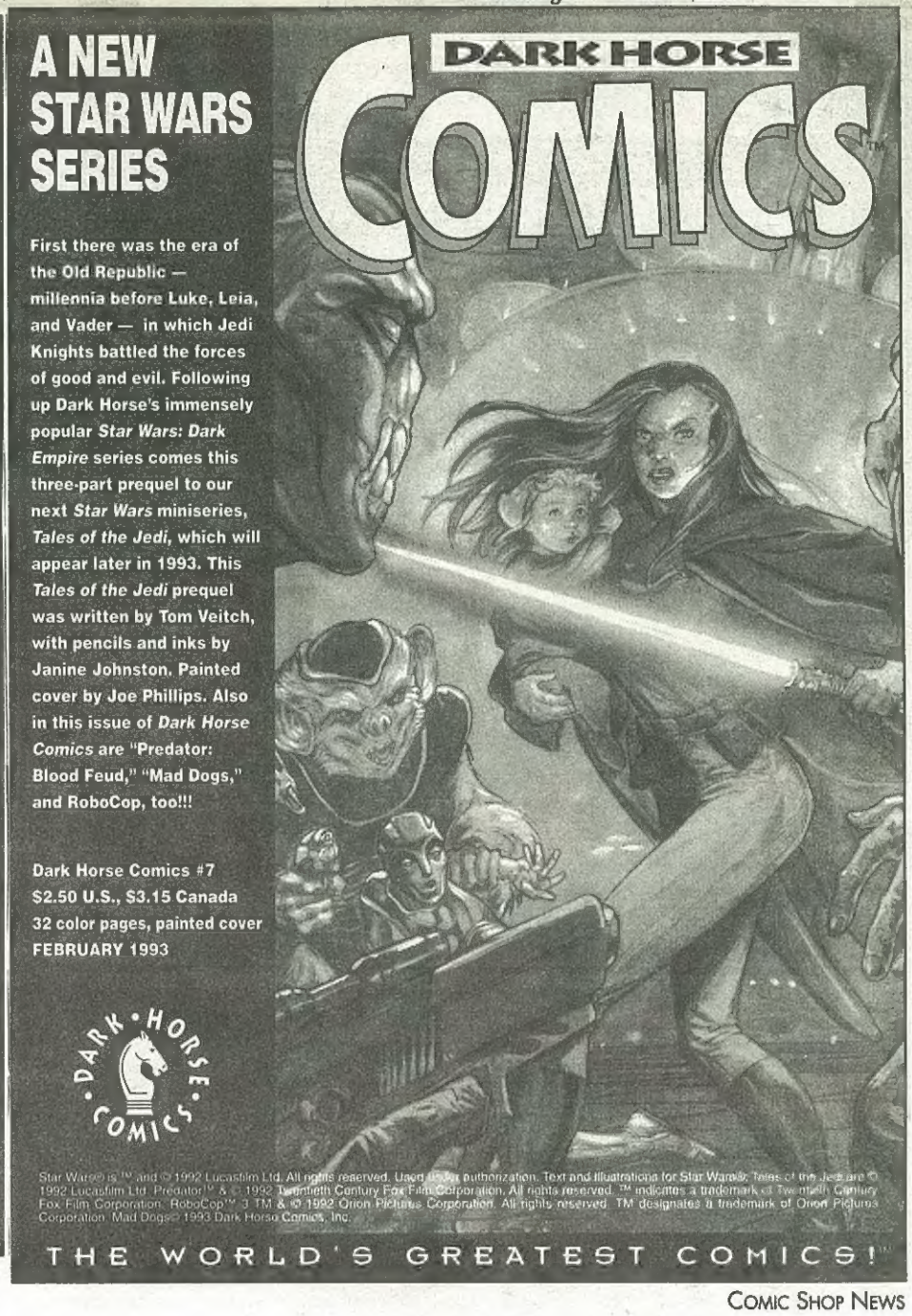
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First there was the era of the Old Republic — millennia before Luke, Leia, and Vader — in which Jedi Knights battled the forces of good and evil. Following up Dark Horse's immensely popular Star Wars: Dark Empire series comes this three-part prequel to our next Star Wars miniseries, Tales of the Jedi, which will appear later in 1993. This Tales of the Jedi prequel was written by Tom Veitch, with pencils and inks by Janine Johnston. Painted cover by Joe Phillips. Also in this issue of Dark Horse Comics are "Predator: Blood Feud," "Mad Dogs," and RoboCop, too!!!
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❑***Harlem Heroes 5*** Fleetway/Quality $1.95
❑***Harveyville Fun Times 10*** HFT $2
❑***Hellblazer 64*** 2/18 DC $1.75
❑***Hellstorm 1*** 2/25 Marvel $2.95
Damon Hellstrom is back again in his own series; the first issue features a unique red thrmographic ink cover—a CSN Hot Pick
❑***High School Agent 11*** Sun $2.50
❑***High School Agent 12*** Sun $2.50
❑***Hot Stuff Big Book 2*** Harvey $1.95
❑***Humor On the Cutting... Edge 1*** Edge $2.95
❑***Idiotland 1*** Fantagraphics $2.95
❑***Illuminator 2*** 2/4 Marvel $4.99
❑***Image Swimsuit Special 1*** Image $1.95
There's not much of a story here (by design), but oh, what art!...
❑***Incomplete Death's Head 4*** 2/25 Marvel $1.75
❑***Incredible Hulk 404*** 2/18 Marvel $1.25
❑***Iron Man 291*** 2/25 Marvel $1.25

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❑***Judge Dredd Classics 76*** Fleetway/Quality $1.95
❑***Judge Dredd: America Book 1***
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❑***Jughead 45*** Archie $1.25
❑***Jughead's Double Digest 17*** Archie $2.50
❑***Junkwaffel 1*** Fantagraphics $12.95
Vaughn Bode's classic creation returns in the first of a multi-volume series reprinting his complete Junkwaffel saga
❑***Justice League America 73*** 2/18 DC $1.25
❑***Justice League Europe 48*** 2/4 DC $1.25
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❑***King Arthur Uncensored 4*** Aircel $2.95
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❑***Lance Barnes: Post-Nuke Dick 1*** 2/11
Marvel $2.50
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❑***Laugh Digest 61*** Archie $1.50
❑***Legacy of Superman 1*** 2/4 DC $2.50
A 64-page special exploring the effects of Superman on Metropolis and the people who knew him best—A CSN Hot Pick
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❑***LEgion of Super-Heroes 42*** 2/18 DC $1.75
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❑***Life of Christ 2: The Easter Story*** 2/4 Marvel $2.99
❑***Little Dot 3*** Harvey $1.25
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❑***Lucasfilm Fan Club 19*** STFC $2.50
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❑***Macross II 6*** Viz $2.75
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❑***Magnus: Robot Fighter 24*** Valiant $2.25
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❑***Man-Eating Cow 5*** NEC $2.75
❑***Mangazine 20*** Antarctic $2.95
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❑***Marvel Age 123*** 2/18 Marvel $1
❑***Marvel Comics Presents 125*** 2/4 Marvel $1.50
❑***Marvel Comics Presents 126*** 2/18 Marvel $1.50
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❑***Marvel Tales 272*** 2/18 Marvel $1.25
❑***Marvel Universe Master Edition 29*** 2/25
Marvel $4.95
❑***Mean Machine: Travesl With My Shrink 1***
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❑***Meteor Man Movie Adaptation*** 2/25 Marvel $2.25
❑***Midnight Sons Unlimited 1*** 2/18 Marvel $3.95
A new 64-page quarterly series spotlighting the horror heroes from the Ghost Rider family of books—a CSN Hot Pick
❑***Misery Loves Comedy 2*** Paisano $9.95
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❑***Monsters From Outer Space 3*** Adventure $2.50
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❑***Mys-TECH Wars 2*** $2.25 Marvel $1.75
❑***The 'Nam 79*** 2/25 Marvel $1.75
❑***Namor the Sub-Mariner 37*** 2/4 Marvel $2
If the Jae Lee art isn't enough to make this book sell out right away, then the blue holografix foil cover is!—a CSN Hot Pick
❑***Naughty Bits 8*** Fantagraphics $2.50
❑***Nausicaa of the Valley of Wind Part Three 3*** 2/25
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❑***Necroscope 3*** Malibu $2.95
❑***Nestrobber 3*** Blue Sky Blue $1.95
❑***New Titans 96*** 2/18 DC $1.75
❑***New Warriors 34*** 2/25 Marvel $1.25
❑***New World Order 2*** Blazer $2.50
❑***Next Men 12*** 2/11 Dark Horse $2.50
❑***Nexus: Alien Justice 3*** 2/11 Dark Horse $3.95
❑***Nightshades Act I: Hidden Darkness***
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❑***Nightstalkers 6*** Marvel $1.75
❑***Nightvision 2*** Rebel $2.25
❑***Nomad 12*** 2/4 Marvel $1.75
❑***Northwest Smith 2*** Conquest $2.95
❑***Not Quite Dead! 1*** Rip Off $2.95
❑***Original Ghost Rider 10*** 2/4 marvel $1.75
❑***Otto Space 2*** Manifest Destiny $2
❑***Overstreet Comic Book Marketplace 1***
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❑***Paragon: Dark Apocalypse 1*** AC $2.95
❑***Paragon: Dark Apocalypse 2*** AC $2.95
❑***Paul the Samurai 5*** NEC $2.75
❑***Pendragon II 10*** 2/11 Marvel $1.75
❑***Pendulum 4*** Adventure $2.50
❑***Peter Cannon: Thunderbolt 8*** 2/11 DC $1.25
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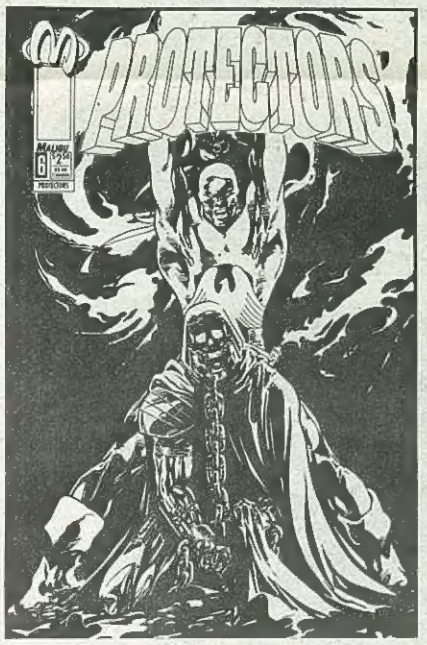
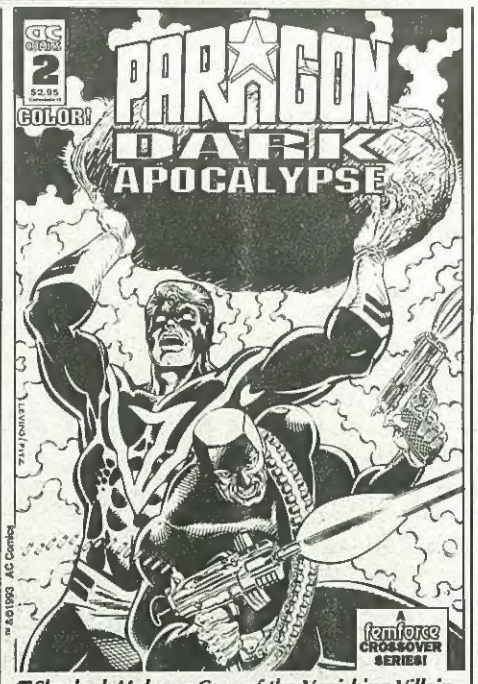
Adventure $2.50
❑***Plastron Cafe 2*** Mirage $2.5
❑***Poets Prosper*** Caliber $3.50
❑***Poison Elves 8*** Mulehide $2.50
❑***Portraits of Eddie*** Caliber $2.25
❑***Post Bros. 30*** Rip Off $2.50.
❑***Predator: Race War 1*** 2/4 Dark Horse $2.50
The first issue of a Predator miniseries written by acclaimed author Andrew Vacchs—a CSN Hot Pick
❑***Previews Volume 3 2*** Diamond $1.50
What's coming up in April? Here's where you can find out!
❑***Protectors 6*** Malibu $2.50/$1.95
❑***Psycho Killers 12*** Comic Zone $2.95
❑***Psycho Killers: Human Vampyres 1***
Comic Zone $2.95
❑***Punisher 77*** 2/18 Marvel $1.25
❑***Punisher Armory 6*** 2/4 Marvel $2
❑***Punisher War Journal 53*** 2/25 Marvel $1.75
❑***Punisher War Zone 14*** 2/11 Marvel $1.75
❑***Puss 'n' Boots 2*** Conquest $2.95
❑***Quantum Leap 12*** Innovation $2.50
❑***Quasar 45*** 2/11 Marvel $1.25
❑***Raggedyman 4*** Cult $2.50
❑***Ragnarok Guy 13*** Sun $2.50
❑***Ragnarok Guy 14*** Sun $2.50
❑***Rai & the Future Force 9*** Valiant $2.25
The new Rai debuts in his own series, picking up the numbering where the old Rai left off—a CSN Hot Pick
❑***Raika 29*** Sun $2.50
❑***Raika 30*** Sun $2.50
❑***Raika 31*** Sun $2.50
❑***Raika 32*** Sun $2.50
❑***Ralph Snart: Lsot Issues 1*** Now $2.50
❑***Ranma 1/2 Part Two 2*** 2/4 Viz $2.95
❑***Ravage 2099 5*** 2/11 Marvel $1.25
❑***Ray Bradbury Chronicles Volume Four***
Bantam $9.95
Trade paperback collection of comic book adaptations of Ray Bradbury short stories
❑***Ray Bradbury Comics 1*** Topps $2.95
First issue of three-issue miniseries featuring comic book adaptations of Ray Bradbury stories; Al Williamson, Rich Corben, and Garces supply art for the first issue, which is polybagged with exclusive trading cards
❑***Razor 2*** London Night Studios $2.95
❑***Real Stuff 12*** Fantagraphics $2.50
❑***Red Razors 1*** Fleetway/Quality $2.95
You know what Judge Dredd is like—so now you can find out how he compares to the Russian Judges
❑***Ren & Stimpy 5*** 2/4 Marvel $1.75
❑***Repoman 1*** D&L $2.25
❑***Richie Rich Giant Size 3*** Harvey $2.25
❑***Ring of Roses 4*** 2/4 Dark Horse $2.50
❑***Robotech II: The Sentinel sbook Two 18***
Eternity $2.50
❑***Robotech: Invid War 10*** Eternity $2.50



❑***Rockers 6*** Rip Off $2
❑***Rockmeez 7*** JZink $2.50
❑***Rumic World GN*** 2/25 Viz $14.95
Graphic novel featuring stories by Lum & Ranma 1/2 creator Rumiko Takahashi
❑***Saga of the Realm 5*** Caliber $2.50
❑***Sandman 48*** 2/18 Vertigo/DC $1.75
❑***Sandman Mystery Theatre 1*** 2/11
Vertigo/DC $1.95
Matt Wagner and Guy Davis bring back the original Sandman in this period piece adventure series—a CSN Hot Pick
❑***Savage Sword of Conan 208*** 2/11 Marvel $2.25
❑***Scarlett 3*** 2/4 DC $1.75
❑***Scary Book 3*** Caliber $2.50
❑***Scrap City Pck Rats 5*** Out of the Blue $1.50
❑***Scream Play 2*** aircel $2.50
❑***Secret Defenders 2*** 2/11 Marvel $1.75
❑***Shade the Changing Man 34*** 2/11
Vertigo/DC $1.75
❑***Shadowman 13*** Valiant $2.50
❑***She-Bat 2*** Heroic $2.95
❑***She-Hulk 50*** 2/4 Marvel $2.95
John Byrne says farewell to this series with a final storyline; a heaping helping of other writers and artists also offer special glimpses of their versions of She-Hulk in anoversized issue with a foil-embossed cover



❑***Sherlock Holmes: Case of the Vanishing Villain***
Atomeka $4.50
❑***Sherlock Holmes: Hound of the Baskervilles GN***
Innovation $6.95
❑***SHIELD 46*** 2/18 Marvel $1.75
❑***Short History of America Serigraph***
Kitchen Sink $250
Not a print, but a true silkscreen signed reproduction of Robert Crumb's famous piece, with new panels added—a CSN Hot Pick
❑***Showcase '93 4*** 2/25 DC $1.95
❑***Silver Sable 11*** 2/11 Marvel $1.25
❑***Silver Surfer 79*** 2/25 Marvel $1.25
❑***Silver Surfer & Warlock: Resurrection 2*** 2/18
Marvel $2.50
Written and drawn by Jim Starlin, this series takes Silver Surfer and Warlock on a quest to find Shalla Bal
❑***Simpsons Comics & Stories 1*** Welsh $2.95
Bartman comes to the rescue of Radioactive Man in this special comic book one-shot written and drawn by Matt Groening—a CSN Hot Pick
❑***Sinergy 1*** Caliber $2.95/$5.95
❑***Sleepwalker 23*** 2/11 Marvel $1.25
❑***Small Killing GN*** 2/18 Dark Horse $11.95
❑***Solar, Man of the Atom 21*** Valiant $2.25
❑***Sonic the Hedgehog 3*** Archie $1.25
❑***Space Runner Portolio*** SQP $25
❑***Space Wolf 2*** Antarctic $2.50
❑***Spawn 10*** Image $1.95
Perhaps the strangest crossover so far—Spawn meets Cerebus in a special issue written by Dave Sim—a CSN Hot Pick
❑***Spectacular Spider-Man 199*** Marvel $1.25
❑***Spectre 5*** 2/11 DC $1.75
❑***Spider-Man 33*** 2/18 Marvel $1.75
❑***Spider-Man 2099 6*** 2/4 Marvel $1.25
❑***Spiderfemme Vs. Denim 1*** Personaity $2.95
❑***Spirit of the Dragon 0*** Double Edge 75¢
❑***Splatter 7*** Northstar $2.75
❑***Spoof Comics 10: Wetshirts*** Personality $2.95
❑***Spoof Comics 11: Mable*** Personality $2.95
❑***Stanley & His Monster 3*** 2/11 DC $1.50
❑***Star Blecch: Degeneration 1*** Parody $2.50
❑***Star Trek 45*** 2/11 DC $1.75
❑***Star Trek: The Next Generation 45*** 2/25 DC $1.75
❑***Star Trek: The Next Generation - The Star Lost TPB***
2/18 DC $14.95
Reprinting the storyline from ST:TNG #20-24
❑***Star Trek: The Official Fan Club Magaizne 90***
STFC $2.50
❑***Star Wars (UK) 2*** 2/11 Dark Horse $2.95
❑***Starlion: A Pan's Game 1*** Storm $2.25
❑***Starlog 189*** Starlog $4.95
❑***Stellar Losers 1*** Antarctic $2.50
❑***Stormwatch 1*** Image $1.95
Created by Jim Lee (who illustrates the exclusive trading card found in the first issue), Stormwatch is a band of post Cold War heroes who hope to keep the peace in the New World Order—written by Brandon Choi and illustrated by Scott Clark and Karl Altstaetter—a CSN Hot Pick
❑***Stormwatch Collectors' Portfolio*** Image $18
Limited edition portfolio; each set features one signed print
❑***Strike Force America Special Edition 1***
Comico $2.50/$4.95
❑***Strip Adventures 5*** JAL $5.95
❑***Super Soldiers 1*** 2/18 Marvel $2.50
❑***Superman Gallery 1*** 2/18 DC $2.95

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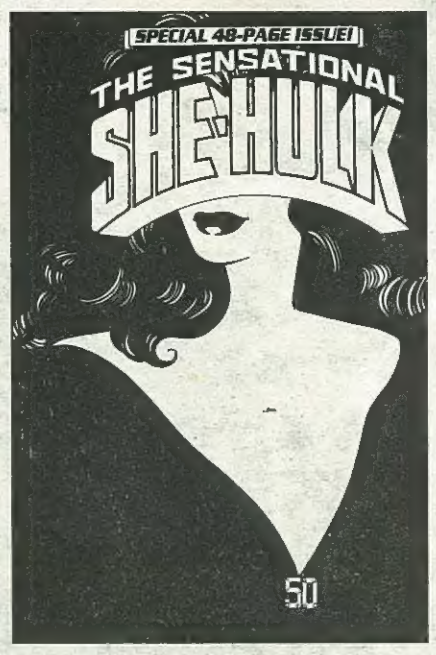
Take a walk down memory lane with this collection of classic Superman covers and images from the past

❑***Supreme 6*** Image $1.95
❑***Swamp Thing 130*** 2/25 Vertigo/DC $1.75
❑***Tales Too Terrible To Tell 8*** NEC $3.50
❑***Tantalizing Stories 3*** Tundra $2.25
❑***Tarzan Volume 2*** NBM $35
Reprinting classic Hal Foster Tarzan Sunday pages
❑***Tarzan: The Beckoning 4*** Malibu $2.50
❑***Team Titans 7*** 2/25 DC $1.75
❑***Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 56*** Mirage $2
❑***Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Adventures 44*** Archie $1.25
❑***Terminal Drift 2*** Neotek $2.50
❑***Terminal Point 1*** 2/18 Dark Horse $2.50
❑***Terror, Inc. 10*** 2/4 Marvel $1.75
❑***Thor 461*** 2/25 Marvel $1.25
❑***Tigress 5*** Heroic $2.95
❑***Timber Wolf 5*** 2/4 DC $1.25



❑***Time Killers 4*** Fleetway/Quality $2.95
❑***TMNT Presents: The May East Saga 2*** Archie $1.25
❑***Toshiro Yashada 1*** U.P. Comics $2.50
❑***Toxic Crusaders 2*** 2/25 Marvel $1.25
❑***Trek Teens 1*** Parody $2.50
❑***Twilight Zone Annual 1*** Now $2.50
❑***Twister 4*** Harris $2.95
❑***Two-Fisted Tales 3*** EC $1.50
❑***UN Force 2*** Caliber $2.95
❑***Uncanny X-Men 299*** 2/4 Marvel $1.25
❑***Uncanny X-Men Masterworks TPB*** 2/11 Marvel $12.95
Reprinting X-Men 1-5
❑***Uncle Scrooge 278*** Disney $1.50
❑***Usagi Yojimbo 38*** Fantagraphics $2.25
❑***Valor 6*** 2/11 DC $1.25
❑***Vampirella 4*** Harris $2.95
❑***Vampirella Cold Cast Porcelain Figure*** Harris $195
❑***Vault of Horror 3*** EC $1.50
❑***Velvet 2*** Adventure $2.50
❑***Venom 3*** 2/25 Marvel $2.95
❑***Venumb 1*** Parody $2.50
❑***Venus Wars II 9*** 2/11 Dark Horse $2.75
❑***Version 1.3*** 2/18 Dark Horse $2.50
❑***Very Vicky 1*** Caliber $2.50
❑***Virus 2*** 2/18 Dark Horse $2.50
❑***Vixen Wars 1*** Raging Rhino $2.95
❑***Walt Disney's Comics & Stories 583*** Disney $2.95
❑***Warheads 11*** 2/25 Marvel $1.75
❑***Warlock & the Infinity Watch 15*** 2/18 Marvel $1.75
❑***Web of Spider-Man 99*** 2/4 Marvel $1.25
❑***Weird Fantasy 3*** EC $1.50
❑***Werewulf: Penence Due 1*** Boneyard $2.25
❑***Wetworks Poster*** Image $5.95
❑***What If? 48*** 2/18 Marvel $1.25
❑***White Trash 3*** Tundra $3.95
❑***Wild Life 1*** Antarctic $2.50
❑***Wild Thing 1*** 2/11 Marvel $2.50
❑***Wild West COWBoys - The Series 3*** Archie $1.25
❑***Wildstar: Sky Zero 2*** Image $1.95
❑***William Shatner's Tekworld 8*** 2/25 Marvel $1.75
❑***Windows 4*** Cult $2.50
❑***Witching Hour 3*** Millennium $2.50
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❑***Wolverine 68*** 2/11 Marvel $1.75
❑***Wonder Man 20*** 2/11 Marvel $1.25
❑***Wonder Woman 73*** 2/11 DC $1.25
❑***Woody Woodpecker 8*** Harvey $1.25
❑***X-Factor 89*** 2/18 Marvel $1.25
❑***X-Farce Vs. X-Cons: X-Tinction 1*** Pardoy $2.75
❑***X-Force 21*** 2/25 Marvel $1.25
❑***X-Men 19*** 2/18 Marvel $1.25
❑***X-Men Adventures 6*** 2/11 Marvel $1.25
❑***X-Men Classic 82*** 2/25 Marvel $1.25
❑***X-O Manowar 16*** Valiant $2.25
❑***Yogi Bear 3*** Harvey $1.25
❑***Young Indiana Jones Chronicles 12*** 2/11 Dark Horse $2.50
❑***Zoot 2*** Fantagraphics $2.50

Last Week *CSN* featured interviews with Matt Wagner and Guy Davis on *Sandman Mystery Theatre*.

Next Week *CSN* will feature the Janyary Hot Picks.

COMIC SHOP NEWS

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Have you seen anything in this issue of ***Comic Shop News*** that you can't live without? Make sure you don't miss it; clip this handy coupon and write down the things that you want you comics shop owner to be sure to get for you!

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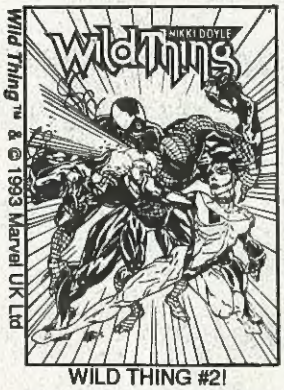
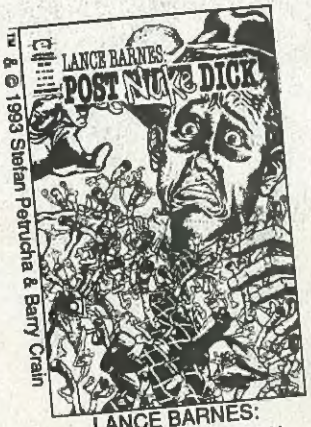
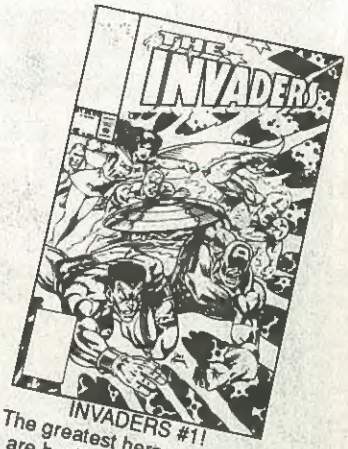


WILD THING #2!
This new action-packed UK series will make your heart sing!



LANCE BARNES: POST NUKE DICK #2!
Lance suffers from nicotine withdrawal in this hilarious second issue!



INVADERS #1!
The greatest heroes of WWII are back in this spectacular 4-issue limited series!

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A Redeemer turns traitor in the 3-part "Betrayal!"

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GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #36!
The Guardians team up the Galactic Guardians to battle the dreaded Dormammu!

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